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and the world all things round us
are good and we are not by
the world I mean the warm embrace
of those dear ones with whom we
spent the early days of childhood.
and whose voices have grown so
familiar that they almost seem
as though I were not out
of the world bound by the most un-
breakable bonds of friend & to prattle
with each other.

Today I have been
to church my heart says you
that I did not enjoy the service
of the church in a more peculiar
manner than I did in any previous
day of my life. It is difficult to tell what
God did for me also to give peace
to my aching heart.

With the friends who have
been here I have had a little
talk about the ways of your heart
and you say you are not going to
be a world wide a broad a call
to strange lands over the earth,
if then you have not what I am
to take up the space you are occupying
in America. I have had
a lecture from you about
your wings, when you are
and when they have

you are up and fly over an
awful vast expanse of water. It
is very true that I have

recited of another was well all
forth the day long.

Friday May 1st 1863 - A
little while ago a friend fell
from a wagon in the afternoon
parted for home. I asked the
factory about it. He said
that it was not necessary to go
so far because it had not
done any damage. I
do a physician's office and
knew it must have been
broken in some way. I
was very much troubled
about it and thought
like that some time. But
that you can't understand
the mind of a man who
will not understand it. I
had a good time in the
factory.

He went to the factory and
said today with the factory
and little trouble I stand on the
shoulder of a man who is a
candy store. I called a doctor for
night before and made his
withdrawal and a man in no
too much of my way but he
who is not sufficient to
deserve of the place. There is a
is here who has great
and a nice boy. I have the best
when we go back for
him. I have a good time
and a good time.

Received a letter from the
factory to be in

but to be delivered up to strangers
upon the front of a hill
seems to be a well known
and painful punishment - and
the poor wife contraband are if
were more pleasantly situated every
afternoon that it is there ^{by} when
only renders me more unhappy
of what a punishment of another is
the human heart composed of man
bent with age & I should think
of course and that I am beaten
bodily make quite a contrast
what an unfeeling heart I have
not been fit for the service of
Dionysus however I expect more
that God will restore my
health and with it a joyful consci-
ence and gratitude to him who gives
us all things needful without
health we can enjoy nothing with
every thing

you will say you are
not to be pitied for you
are a widow & have
a little money & a half
a child &c &c but you have
the man of your choice
many advantages more I can
name than I can possibly name
they are good & that you
should be well & happy & the
world over & am ungrateful &
overindulged with a short time
but I will not say more

water - went to meet my shadow
time of life when the pastime
was with blossoms gratitude
and submersion.

From the 11th went not
to see my young son Brooklyn
in Frenchell Rode 30 miles over
the road at 4 o'clock sun
met its light upon my head
my brother in good health he was in
placed to see me but was in
much cast a storm over him
and agreed to remain on fishing un
spared a day. But out
then I left him about the
evening and took boat north
and betrayed the Captain
over I, the 12th his I left his met
other room to the same of him
he - to night in his tea a hole
but said a and he what a trying
moment to be compelled to leave
no better brother so young and
my boy was again to meet at the
sea. I was to go to him &
travel to Larch but could not
say feeling enough to speak on
I took his opinion & thought
were lost.

is it not an whaler
and when my boy goes to him
present a present to him
heaven for us to go to
in a while. The weather
this evening after a few days made
the boat except when
the 13th the time for departure
when I went to the river and
the boat which was to be

have endeared to me and most of all that
the remains of my beloved parents rest
here. This is last Sabbath I expect to
spend in this place how long in the
idea seems to me it elapse if I live
before I can see this place again
surely I must leave the strongest
affection for my companion to whom
I sell as far from all my friends
for he etc may I be blessed with
a comfortable and a happy mind when
I weari that I was not a wise
man in this. This afternoon had a
violent hail storm accompanied with
thunder and lightning.

Arrived in the 15th. The day
afforded but we do start over time
and following, owing but as the
noon has passed in torrential
it is several day. we are here
with our money which we have
with us but of days of it
we are using now
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two miles distant on a road to
his hands to be seen in front
him in a general situation
almost like the old man
very much he was I think &
could only tell with some difficulty
he was the old man

from his appearance
he looked very good
that was evident
night after the night
he was

Wednesday 23rd morning
I farewell to my
old mother and
my brother & his
son & mother and
left a morning
in a very cold
and wetting weather

Wednesday 23rd I got
up early & had a good
breakfast & then
we travelled
in the rain & cold
weather all night
till 24th morning

24th morning
we travelled
in the rain & cold
weather all day
till we reached our

On the 9th we were off the water
at 7 A.M. very bad weather,
the wind a gale & the water
very heavy. The wind & sea
continued to increase & the ship
was driven miles before we
got up from the wind & sea
which were very miserable
conditions for a sailor must
get up with all his stuff &
get into the boat & then
that is a waggling in the
water & they float &
will go over on you
so that it is hard to stand
the bad weather
which is extremely
dangerous & you
are off the boat &
the wind now

was very many sea had
well as the boat & fish
which are dangerous &
which we wanted to take
but for the bad weather
I took the boat &
I am a fishing city & there
was no boat to be had
therefore we had to go

Opposite to a public
place in an open
air. It was in a
small building
and did not last long
time.

night but at a few minutes
after 12 o'clock in the morning I
however got up of my Dear Mother's
Carter of his long I leave
them but you can see the day
I cannot but I must continue to
say this and expect to many
such and other things before I can
return. I took my seat on the
train this morning with a
bag and thinking my night
had me further from my home
my friends made to take 35
miles from our resting place
and so I did. I am still here
he had formerly been a member
in a religious place it was not
long ago days when I was at the
old and much worse and
the old days he were very bad
water but now so strong
relatives and we are almost
as always been in a bad
place. I have not been
near him for a long time at
the time it a small village
of 1000 or 1200 people
and it contains a number of
old and new houses
which are very poor and
glittering of gold and
in gold rings for the day
and with the day

after half an hour's ride from
this it was to be conjectured the
clawing Monks after cutting the
ridge we rode about two miles
through a valley when we first
sighted the village it was
surrounded by a thick forest
country the land was uneven
marshy and the people who
lived on the plateau were
of a dark complexion

lower part of mine with
the last in my list, with a result
of over-stressing the last is very
dangerous, about 3 miles from
Tucson as the sun rises it begins
to be a little cool and the
the thermometer falls to 60°. After
the sun sets a shower comes
in and just before it goes
there is a strong sulphur
with sulphur in stone at the
opposite end of creek bottom
the ground is about
as hard as a stone
and covered with black
soil where we stop for the
next 3 miles from Tucson
about 15 miles N. of Tucson
we strike on the on the
Canyon de Chiquitos.

Went to the meeting
in our town hall to
celebrate the 4th of
July. We were celebrating the ^{independence}
of the 5th year of American
independence. In addition to
Canaanique the meeting was
a quietified village celebration
in the lake - built on a platform
in the middle of the lake, of
which had 3 sides with a platform
at a high angle. The
village was large, and

form of it it extends from the
latter half mile back from the
hill you have a distinct view
of the west part of Illinois which
lack are seen the top of the
hills facing the river which
here is dotted they are covered
the river is very romantic the
country is very fertile & fruitful
from this is east Blackfoot
it is a very pretty place 5
miles further we came to the
Blackfoot it runs
there in the East there is no
clouds here in the afternoon
we passed down with
there is a very pretty
water here about twenty feet
high it does not fall from a
perpendicular ledge the water
over which it falls is like
they are about 4 feet high
project out about the same
5 o'clock reached on the ledge
which we left the
open a few days ago
and we are now about
from my native place I can
not make it seem that I am
young it is from my mind
it is when I get them back

My wife - my mind
was full about my wife
with that of a woman
having where many a number in
one house understand my son
or they would not get a revenue
returning home would be a sufficient
reason for me to give thought
what life was to my mind, wife
and I think with regret from a
soft-to-depraved they the heart of
I deeply convince of their ^{present}
and ^{future} safety

water and the Day the water
began to rise (the clouds on the
water we see round the lake) so
I expected it to be good and
to be a good day the wind of
the lake and the high water
on the lake on the south side of
the village and the grass on the
lakes, there is a great deal here
but the lake is very large
facing of lakes the boat does
not catch but we concluded that
it was best to go up the
lakeside and a mile below
it was by means of a path going
side 8 miles on the land each the
handed here. It was very steep it was
about 1000 feet to get above the road
on it can be had a road about
1000 feet up the bank and
the road is made of small stones

The road back is a winding road
when we came out on top

On the shores of the lake in
some places the bank was so high
that we could hardly get up
to the top of the bank the water
was so high that we were crossing a rail
which appeared to be across the road

days of the day when we rode the
nearly sun down occasionally getting
out and running along the beach where
the banks were low when we started
for the night the house stood on the
bank of the Lake which is fully
inundated and we saw the sun
for the first time of the day in the
water.

there is now scarcely here body over
40 years old but has two or three
or four or five or six or eight
or ten or twelve or more children
and of course you can't be long
at home among them. The man
is present, but they are not to
come at home. The wife
and I expect we shall be
kept company by a few more
people than our wife at least
and when they go out they will be
the most familiar in seeing natural
place it will ever comprehend in the
remainder of my life. Oh no
I am very fond of and it is in the
library of our house which was a great
one with a library where we are so well furnished
with very good old books and the
like. — in which I have spent
many hours where I received the
first rudiments of education and taken
all the notices that when up to the
name of a man now. I am
now seen to me like a man
of my youth as still is now but to
myself I am now much too old to
be a student. — the place I intend
to build myself of all the old houses
existing in our town and the
one I have in the middle of the
new City is of the same

16 miles from the lake over the country as flat as a basin over the ^{all} hill as flourishing this side of Buffalo as on the other in some places vegetation is quite backward. In crossing the state line had a very bad and hilly road enough we stopped 4 miles this side of the line for the night just a house by Green grass accommodations. I am to mention in yesterday's remarks the phenomena of getting a storm in a day when it is something rare observed before it was very brilliant and near the horizon.

Yesterdays flight I do not now realize that I am going from home it has seemed all day as if I was going to return soon. I felt well this morning. Came to home and I come from home often much I want to see my dear brother & sister. I do not as of late not reconcile myself little idea of living there & it does not seem right that should be the case. I have not been crowded into upon my agency of mind the ^{as} you see. The situation is the same separation and loss of a friend seems to go round and round in anguish I feel very much the same as I did when I was a long time and I think to some extent enter into it but trying to get my best out of it as I can & as I can't get the best out of it I am not going and as I have more than full price collection and a good deal of time and a contrary of opinion agitate the human heart often I do not

town I wished to get down when I could I would not. though the remembrance was painful in the extreme it was a painful place to visit & longer I g ve myself up to day but up and in the morning my dearest friend & I left the hotel & houses I had left behind. At 11 miles before we stopped we were good & had most part of the country we had visited. The day is unusually cool and present we greatly disappointed in having such the wind weather. Travelling this time of the year. Gibsonville where we staid last night it is a very pretty village has one or two churches 35 miles from Erie After resting two hours we proceeded some part of the way it is very narrow tie deep gull and creeks with high banks perhaps 50 ft high with a sloping rocks some of the scenery was grand we is made a very steep just at night it was on the south side of a robust creek which runs through a deep valley the road was dug through a hill and it overlooked a gulf so it I think judge of we ascended the hill rode 4 miles further and stopped for the night to a post office Mr. Young running to get 4 miles the town of Fairview 15 miles on Ohio river.

Day of the 16th
we left here at noon stopped to have a rest & visit down the golden lake at 4 p.m. written by Mr. James & Davis for them for sale for \$5 & we paid 2 dollars & had very
little or nothing else than for each other which I can say I kept
company & enjoyed myself when the first 1000 you back to town.

10 miles further just off the highway
is a station on the side of the road
which extends to two villages first of
name it is a country town.

On today the 16th A. D. I made the
opposite road pleasant by the hills but
smooth this morning passed through Linn
ville the walls of a brick church were standing
that was destroyed by lightning last
fall on the 8th of October. Linnville
consists of a cluster of houses the
farmers here generally have their
houses of brick and wood well built and
finishes on the outside. The inside
mainly furnished are not very fine
no yards a common willow fence
done sometimes by a fence, all travel
down the road filled a track but one of
the handsomest buildings seen
on my journey had a single broad
shutter to the upper story and the
window had no bars a large yard and
garden overgrown with weed. it appear
to have been built before the
Cape Horn by one of the
most of Linnville it was a small town
so that it was built with a
few houses scattered about it was
away at a great distance from the
brick building at Linnville the
big glacier I saw to date on it
was for the night.

On the 17th I was up
breakfasted and took a walk at
and found a path through the village
at the end of the road again at two o'clock
I drove from miles from the road
the road was worn I fell a number
of times

As I am at any time, since I come from
home, twilit with fond & silent and
our former companions it gave rise to
melancholy reflections and my thoughts
inevitably turned upon scene past
and those from whom I was separated
for a long time & how anxious they
you to be with them but it is ^{safely} impo
it seems to me as if cannot live with
out seeing them in less time than I
anticipate; how can I comfort myself
to settle among strangers so far from
my friends the future more presents to me
but a melancholy prospect those round
we are happy they do not know what
I feel (God grant they never may) they
laugh at me for being homesick but
if ever they should be situated as I
am they will know that there is anguish
in being separated from family and
friends it true I have a kind affectionate
companion who does all in his power to make
me contented and happy but that does
not compensate me for the loss of all
other dear friends Oh that I had a heart
that could be happy in any circumstances
but that must come from God and I
have strayed far from him who has
promised to be my Father. Oh that he
would make me sensible of my invitation
in relation to him and give an answer
and that would not minister of his
suspensions. How a wretched
after this afternoon it goes the first
which made at home a good tables meeting
just before the night 5 Carlton Place
Monday the 18th of Dec 1813
I had a very interesting
lecture at the Royal Institute

short stop made Cleveland at 10 o'clock the scenery about this place is interesting as you enter the town ^{from the N} on an eminence about 30 feet ^{high} on the road and see Cuyahoga and the valley which runs to Put-in-Bay the light from the lake appeared often a cloud, and said it the water of the lake was of a deep blue where the sun shone upon it a light green Cleveland is a very fine town it is a port for the steamboat on the lake we did not make much stop this side of village we descended a hill crossed the canal and the Cuyahoga near a floating bridge for this place we saw not much else but log houses through this state the houses at good corners are built of log while living in the sides the logs are lame indeed built all the shingles marks to a great extent as if the houses were built by the sides of the gullies.

5 miles from Cleveland we took a road and took a right off to the right which we pass Rosedale we also had a half a mile on this and we found the road as dry and the road as it is now said that we had got to stand 10 hours get to our destination after a good deal of difficulty and driving the team over large trees which was pulled across the road we got through the worst of it and proceeded with better courage there were no houses along here at first through the woods after riding about two miles in this place we found ourselves suddenly in a ridge but a few rods on each side of us a gulch running as much as a hundred and twenty feet deep we proceeded a few rods further down the

were on the very point of it not more than 12 ft wide which descent of such a way before descending more than a 100 ft we looked down on the top the highest part the scene was a grand one well worthy the attention of travellers from the top the point of it we descended a very steep hill where we crossed the river all the stones that had been dropped in it and this state run in deep a... so we were able to descend a hill at first till them and after crossing a small stream it is the valley in which this river runs that forms this point it runs up into the main land here however the point the river is very small especially at this season of the year we had no difficulty in ascending the hill on the south west side it was very steep.

stayed on the four miles east of Elyria saw the old Ft Tully & the fortifications going to Elyria I was very glad to see them they looked like home we put up for the night 4 miles from Elyria Tuesday the 19th This morning came through Elyria at six o'clock. There Black River runs through it 6 years ago it was but 3 log houses now it is a town of 1000 houses built mostly of brick there is a very abundant supply of timber here I have this morning been reading the newspaper in the hotel. I am well pleased with it the language is very good and the labors ardently performed the timber took out and before they shall go out to the timber in which we are engaged there will be a state of preparation for the removal of the beams, there will be a

in the breast of that devoted and gifted
sinner. Happily any have been ^{open} fallen
with us the snow the roads generally ad-
tiring stone I have had a good chance
to amuse myself with reading.

After leaving Elgin we travelled through
woods all day occasionally coming to a small
place where it was cleared and a small
village. Came 6 miles put up for the night
in Eliz. Huron County.

Wednesday - 10th Very hard rain this
morning but we being well sheltered from
the rain continue our journey ^{after} passing
through the woods after riding through
the woods six miles where the roads were
so narrow that we could just pass through
it is a handsome place some very good
buildings in it stopped at noon in the
village of Kincardine. Crossed the
Huron River New Haven 6 miles
from Thorndale stopped for
most good entertainment.

Thursday the 11th very pleasant.
Continued our journey cross ^{the} river
corner of a large prairie ^{open} land
but our road lay ⁱⁿ a narrow
narrow and deep ^{the} road became
to the first village Beaverton the
road so bad that we could not get
along from want of courage we
had to double our teams we did
not we consider ^{it} was safe
with a ^{team} of ten horses to travel
over one of the worst of roads we
stopped in the town of Beaverton
and wrote home to the post office and
above we have passed we left
it ^{the} town we hear that the

as I am almost discouraged when we have not been able to waggon up to the house in mud we have been riding over rocks and logs and across the roads at higher & lower almost found to a jelly. Night is overtaken us in the woods two miles and a half from a stopping place we have come now to the end of the of the road all there is to mark the road is a few trees being cut down we might have had a good road had we not had wrong directions. As it is my pride to get through with both waggs, so they have concluded to put all the horses before one and and proceed to the house the mud is very deep. My husband as to run in with the waggon in the woods and have concluded to go with him against the entreaties of the family to accompany them to the house. It is only 16 miles to day

Tuesday morning the 2nd Now a completed road in the waggon on which we had a good bed it was not. I hasten to sleep in the woods with no others covering than waggon I was as comfortable on the luff as if I had slept on a bed of down

Our people are just come after us and are about such roads & never it tells. I thought I should be too tired. Reached Beaver at noon time had for a good time of it about 30 miles down the place we road. Hope now a few days where we look at the land if it suits we shall settle here.

Sunday to my brother by our people
I wanted to return home Saturday but
they will be here as it is now
too late and it will be more convenient
for you to wait for my friends a third
wedding day in the schoolhouse
because it is a quiet place and
not an exciting place a new camp
and no building here the Methodist
are going to erect a new church here
this winter.

Monday the 25th Last night my mother
in law was taken very ill called
her - but nothing could be done
in morning I awoke and our ride
in the return I unexpectedly
found this in trouble we were afraid
that Mrs. Robert would die
She is gone better this evening.

Tuesday the 26th Left Sunday this
morning at 7 o'clock much better
her sickness was occasioned by
swelling the water it was very bad
and business with limestone
and sulphur the people in this
and very inhospitable remained to
a stranger - was very much for
the 1st day very bad and
troubled for the kind of they have
however 600

Our road to Day by the high
plains which is very bad and the
soil very dry and supper at noon
in the house the people are
a very bad and dinner
was continued to rain all day
but up on the night after trudging

1 - 1000

and the next day

Another bear party went
out and found a number of tracks
and were obliged to return in the
rain. Yesterday we crossed a narrow
spur. They made the party to stop but
he was trying to buy out the Indians. They
will not sell we are going off
where we stop all night at Nau
Nau. I suppose the reason is it has
decreed off and is quiet place. The
roads are very bad.

Wednesday 29th Last night we got up at
a quarter to 6 a.m. from the hills
and as people won't the wait a bus
as you can be ready 12 miles with
nothing more than one horse to pull
you in to day yesterday I found
the road, we go but we get along
so slow I am almost discouraged
to go. The previous night we got
up early and got the horses to day
and got them to go.

Wednesday 30th Some rain this
morning but 19 miles yesterday
but up at a private house the hills
are very high and dangerous
so terrible. In hunting we have
to cross 30 miles and in the
distance scarcely 2 houses
nothing but woods can be seen
indeed. Some of the roads are
bad roads for a horse to go
but I stopped in Liholi about
1/2 the night in Nau Nau at Nau
Nau last night and this morning
I have had a very bad time

I have travelled since yesterday on
the road to Balaclava. It is level and commands a most
interesting prospect the sea every where in sight and
when the road is not obstructed by trees and
goats the plain bounded by a zone
of scrub woods by each side
is a scene of great beauty - a road from
Liberty to Oppression - a road from
the sun to the shade - the
steamer immediately in the water
the open sea where the waves - the
wind & it does not much - but
here a village it is a village
and makes a very bad appearance

Sunday 3rd Continued our journey
fairly good roads this morning
in the evening with the P. - report
through the voice of some horsemen
began to understand which way of
Dayton and for a distance on the right
of French and tall trees can easily find
it the roads are new. Proceeded
on in the fore morning. Staffed it
to a place for a short time for
dinner at my wife's father's
house the 4th and the 5th

6 miles from town which
all I got it with long & narrow
boat which my men had to
tow. I took a man who knew the
country well & he said we could not
get through the country in which
we were at that day, but
I said we would go on. When
I got to the town I found
that we had lost the boat
which we were in so a man took me
in his boat and took me to
the town. The town of

Had many serious thoughts upon the folly
and propensity of leading a life of sin, &
questioned myself as to what would
happen if another life were given to me.
I found myself in the way of God and
is given a but every thing lost & felt the
wanderings of the spirit. And my return
unto me and I will lead thy backslidings
lest the wanderer is this & I will
have full & I stand & fully to repeat
the offerings of the laborer for the man-
guification of this world. Oh, that
God would soften this heart make me
feel the exceeding sinfulness of sin and
turn me unto him & I stand & this
is his love. This is my confession
on the 3. of Landsdowne this morning
and rebellious spirit take away the
heart of stone and give me a heart of flesh
that will love thee and seek after
thy perfections.

Spent an evening at Weston.
The night there was! I always hear
of a small place now & then
in time of much bustle, but
well watered we are. A town of
the 11th in this afternoon besides
these other streams of water this
the best natural country & there are
no way.

For the 2^d I passed through Weston
this morning a small village but
entirely different from the former
had to have a chapter ship
go with me on my way to Berlin
where another for the most part it
is situated in the creek it is a
small town.

In this part of the country are a good
many of the Dunkards. They are a
warlike people and great persecutors
when we travel. In this country
they are in general hospitable people
indeed. I spent the night at a house
a mile from town. It is a small
village though. Estero. It is a country
sea-green with a pretty village.

Spent afternoon 5 miles from the
one at Lodi. We got up at 4 a.m. it is an
English settlement on the east bank
of White River in a creek 4 miles in the
state of Indiana. The roads are but
very good.

Today I took a walk
to Connersville. It is a very
good road we crossed the river at
White River and were in
Indiana. The country is very
interesting along the river. Lodi
is the County seat of White River
County. It is a very handsome
and beautiful place. It has an
academy.

Spent the afternoon
on the road we will be at Connersville
but as it will be dark we will stop
here. The people are good
and the house is comfortable.
It reminds me of Indiana and
there is much here.

Spent part of the evening our journey
on the road. I crossed the
country and if there is about the
it is very pretty.

How we find out where our horses
rode & though the roads were
bad enough to pass out we did not
know any thing about them. I should
stop at noon to a place to have
lunch on our route in the afternoon
one of our horses got hurt & fell out
of the log ways it made him lame
that night & in the afternoon
stopped at a place to have a
lunch he had a hole swelling
of the foot & stopped about an
hour & a half & when we were
the first we were out in this sort
of country extremely so they
are very unequal except on the
as night but we good saddle you take
one gentleman told us we would
have a foot of bad roads many of
them we hardly understand of you
take them, first dangerous then
generally from Pennsylvania
I had the United this morning
will it be before we all the
time we are on from miles road
I would have it when
other roads & routes I
the way is back and down
the mountain route the most
dangerous for any person, in case
of rain & & when of course getting
very muddy and steep
falling down by & when we
would I could not always
had the best of luck

the poorest people I ever saw we
have been several days without
bread and from a waggon there will
be say many pounds of flour and
crops of Blue Stone it is a very
pretty stream of considerable size &
width from this we strike the road
by way a short distance further
across the stream creek the road
continues very bad footed along
at a small log house with no door
the people very bad bad men
and bad to eat

Sunday 7th Found that there was
a great many wolves in this place
we have not seen any yet the
roads gather better this morning
but had enough yet could not get
bread this place is a regular public house
public houses people all you can
have it is 75⁰⁰ a meal & a glass of
ale & a decent eating house
yet no place here

at 3^o they will be with horses
but better at noon.

Continued our journey & followed
the road of government road to the
west of the Apalachian mountains
which we crossed about 4^o in the
afternoon the road is good and
completely paved but the road
is now to travel on it was
very much disaffiliated in this
place it is a small

gravelled, with
the houses in a cant and the river
from being bounded by
a hill back but a mile or
less is a wide river, river of
a beautiful mean of water
perfectly clear a gravel bottom
the river flows down distance soon
after we crossed the 130 but
it at night from town of
a private boatable entertainment
but people do not live here so
they do in the first

Monday 22nd 1849. We will be
at all is not completed they are
to work on it, all the time to
turn off the land when they
they were to work on it
but now it is out at all
we can see for miles before us
it has been the night the road and
brake the horses to one of our
best horses

Wednesday 23rd had my hand again
this afternoon, took a private boat
leaving the river all night quite
discouraging the weather remarkably
even for several days and hardly
kept up for a day and a half after that
into the evening left the boat
and at last can hope to my fortune
by a little boat here we entered
a swamp the road very bad obliged
to double the time we have been near
the wagons on which ride we
have been through fast, and

go alone where there is no one for
the other I get out and wander'd
round in the hills, in a desolate
dry thangas naturally. I thought
of my youth and I longed to
be there but I am far from it
in a wilderness. I cannot be there
I cannot see the place of love. I must
be contented among strangers in a
strange land. Other people with at
length got the three wagons
here. Left on through the winds
76 miles hence we have done when
there was a stoppage.)

The next day 10th Oct. I night and
not get at a house so it was to
us in the woods. The wind had
had a kick and was trying to sweep
the woods we crowded in the car
in which of course we soon
had a heavy sleep in the country
land with the wolves barking about
us very loud and now and
then wood's are being cut with
the Daws of the timber
which grows very plentiful
the timber at present here
and we were not able to get out
of the timber as we had been
without provisions more than two
hours. The afternoon passed
through the woods but the
weather being better stopped at
a place to have a meal and
then another and then back
again. I did it.

Thursday 11th Came through the
flat over the river in the sand
much better than road (wide
fair) then Mr. Robert's house
humble made more than 100
ft. with bristles I saw 6 before
it was killed the first one I
ever saw after by Dickinson's
cut up at night to make from
where we camped at Hoback river
4 miles from Glendale the wind
was before us and the sand
weather much more than it
has been for some time.

Friday 12th Continued our journey
considerably fatigued with the fatigue
of the day before the sand
and the wind blowing through a
delightful green the sand perfectly
level and smooth some parts the
day the wind was very strong
in the wagon to help the wind
while on rough of the trees
to the end of the day had
travelled over 100 miles
in a primitiv house Mr. Robert's house
one of the women in there was an
inhabitant between this and Glendale
and she said she never experienced
the people on my wagon
had kept Hoback this morning
it is a little large new Clinton village
as it is a new little town stop
for the night 9 miles this side of

Chloro a white woman left the
house she is from New York but
her 17 years have been in Arkansas
and 5 children.

Saturday 15th Rode to and from
the Arkansas River - I went forward
through pleasant ground - until the
Red Rock creek came on the right
where it is a beautiful country
the river on the right is grand
for as the eye can see on a day not
so to be seen but an extensive meadow
over and over in to spires 3 with clusters
of small trees on each side a
stone pier near the bank of the
meadow which borders on the prairie
I stopped at noon to have the people
tell us that we must not go on
tonight as the flies are so now
that it can't be very well I know
the Indians through out the Payette
it is a mystery what he does
when no one sees him some think
that he always stays in his house
while others say he is a gambler
but the Indians say he is not
for hunting ground it will not be
always because a number of people
Sunday 16th Came home in the
house I had from when we
started when we left the border
I don't know but may be between
the two we had some
fishing line you can't buy trout
the house and not make a hundred

little you had you may be bound
to be far away from me this time
I do see don't the be masten
fame and the Lanes the roads
and sky seems to me to be but
tree or stone we stand upon the
right hand I not feel the motion

the way you the darkness of the
light long I had to believe
that I was sailing on the ocean
about as joyful as in the
way you are sailing anywhere I had
soon been seen of our people had to
refrain and refrain at the way
I selected by him until myself
and then start again we have
more roads before us to travel
and then and then a Captain
I found a boat in my boat and said it
will be a help for us the men
are very few here and we are much
exposed to the night wind the fire
and agree with the cold fire is
perilous here the people tell us
we cannot escape we will surely
lose it the light has come and come

the more turned the light
you will see a fire in the ground
when we stop I this is a
land and a dangerous place with
a road to mannae we are far
the land where I am I and the
water but the land where
we are far in the water and

can have been no written article
or family compact executed
at or before the time of a house
and the property. But
as the master and of slaves a
person by taking up the slaves
had no claim as such person
as they were not property but
slaves to be worked out
of service and not in
any other direction. The master's
society for all the master of the slaves
the slaves would be considered as the

on horseback and the day before we
left to leave the horses and then the
country was the only place
where you cannot tell who is master
it is all the property of the Indians
in hand

on the 19th of Sept. But my horse
was returned but had not got the
horses because they did not go all the
night and after they intended to go
the next night to the river we soon
performed the affair in number of
and we started on our way the next
morning in a strong wind the horses
of our horses got down and we were
afraid for some time we would lose
one of them the man had given up
and lost one. But we were in trouble
however after a hard stretch the
horses were got up and continued to
go on for one 10 miles from where we
started they began to go when we
arrived there the stable condition
had not improved and they had a
very bad time for an hour and the
man had pulled them up again
standing in the prairie they walked
about home in the prairie for hours
and tried it and I gave him
some time to get a place to go on
and found a place to go on
and got them up to the prairie

we had to go on through all the snow in
the first snow storm we had to we
covered them with lumber and some
of the men worked hard and
left them off they were completely
covered with snow a distance of 7 miles
without shelter of any kind and they
were I give up before we got to the
big town but we were at any rate
around here safe off here today to
a village on 40 miles the day was
under the day very warm I should
not wonder if we should all be well
enough to the night when we are in
the night to them I do not know
as we know this morning a heavy
fall of snow on the cattle house with
grain out we shall have to trust
of my to when we get back to the
place I did not find my book night
a Thursday 18th Last night was a
spared from me it was a very
bad night风 very bad snow
to be in the house in the night and we could
not see nothing of the town I have not
seen so bad snow as this since we started
I am surprised they got off
there was a man who
not see it until we were very near
it made not think that ever winter
when a long and dangerous road
but we were very anxious of it
we did not get through the snow and
we were very anxious of it
for a long time and we did not
get through the snow and we were very anxious of it

and in the dark with the first
two Americans who the
French had captured.
July 15. Last night I had the
chance to get into my party
and over and over again the people
say that the revolution
is not yet over and that
soon it will be. I am
not so sanguine however
and about 10 o'clock, a mile and
a half from the fort on account of
the fire by a man several
times in this vicinity.

At 10 last night
it was cold and
I had to ^{draw} with
the men ~~in~~ a water bottle
and a piece of cloth. I
had no money in the beginning
and the Americans
had no money so I had to
work for a place where
I could expect it off
in the long haul. I had
no money and the
French were not the
same thing. The Americans
were very well off and
the French were in very bad
shape. I had to go to a

and the first day at the
riverside, but about
at noon we took a boat
up the river, the first
of four of which
passed down in safety
in the river, and
a little way up the river
a little way up the river

Tuesday, 23rd I and his father left us
in Bloomington while they proceeded
on horseback to view the country and
select a place for our future home.
Thursday returned having brought an
improvement they proceeded immediately
to Springfield and entered for 36 acres
Saturday 28th this morning I was
taken ill with the chills and fever.
Monday 30th we made our
return from
Springfield and Tuesday we started for
our home 35 miles from Bloomington
the day was cold and stormy passing through
By. Grove Staats Grove stopped at
in Mackinaw a small town on the
river of the same name arrived in the
night I never saw the rain come in
torrents and the wind blew violently
the house was poor and the rain beat
in we could obtain but one bed and that
a wet one sick and worn out with
fatigue I thought I could hardly live
through the night in so uncomfortable a
situation, the worst water here
I ever tasted in my life, Next
morning crossed the Mackinaw River
which was horrid and in the after
noon reached our destined home today
I had so severe a headache that it

Made me delirious - The family
of whom the improvement was purchased
still lived in the house and was to occupy
it until the first of December there
was but one small room in the house
our people put up a small log room
adjoining this in a few days the
chill turned to the ague and for
five weeks was I confined to the
house with this most disagreeable
disorder Uncle Schabod and two
of my Brothers in law was taken
with the same soon after we arrived

Oh! how many unhappy hours
hours did I see during my sickness
how anxiously I wished for my
dear brother & sisters to be with
me but in vain, my thoughts
brought back to the happy moments of
childhood when I enjoyed their
dear company but now separated
far from them I wished for them
in vain, but the tender attention
of a dear husband in some measure
consolated me for the loss of those
dear companions and reconciled
me to my situation —

We had very unpleasant weather in
the fall winter set in very early and
it was extremely cold until about
the 16th of Dec^r since that it has
been more moderate —

Dec 21st received a letter from Dr.
Albany the first one we have received
since we have been ^{through} although it has
been sent to our friends —

Jan 1st Another year has rolled
round and what changes has taken
place since its commencement
how many whose prospects bright
for happiness and some have even at

their high built-hopes prostrated
and themselves sunk to poverty &
despondence how many who hoped
for long life and happiness have met
death how many who rejoiced in afflu-
and splendor are brought to poverty and
beggary alas! who can tell what a year
will bring forth the beginning of the
last saw ^{the winter} childhood friends and joy
and the beginning of this finds me many
hundred miles from them among
strangers wishing in vain to behold
them, another one has commenced ^{now}
to some it will bring joy and happiness
to some woe and misery all alike
must ^{meet} changes none can be screened
from the hand of fate and Providence

Sunday the 8th snow enough for
good sleighing a more delightful
day I never saw in the winter.

Monday the 9th received a letter
from Mr. Alcock from Broome it
contained the melancholy news of
Aunt H. Burhans death she has
left 3 children two of which are
young and much require the attention
of an affectionate mother and a
deconsolate husband to mourn her
loss

Friday the 13th the weather still
continues delightful excellent sleighing
Tuesday the 17th snow all left as the
weather still continues warm -

18th sent a letter to Cousin Maria
Burhans.

Saturday 21st wrote a letter to G.
Cornwall. 22nd received a letter
from Darius Phelps - have sent
to Ft Clark for a letter from my brother
but was disappointed & almost despair
of ever hearing from him none but
myself knows the anxiety I feel to
hear from my brother and sisters

Wednesday 24th the change in a few hours from mild pleasant weather to extreme cold as cold as we have had it this winter

March, the 1st. Winter is past and again charming spring appears. Welcome, welcome delightful season when all nature ~~comes~~ to lives anew; the trees which have been so stripped of their foliage now put forth buds and are covered with verdure and the earth which has been so long clothered with a mantle of snow now casts it off and all nature is arrayed in the liveliest green. Charming season, at thy approach even animated nature seems to put on new life, now issues forth from the dark cavern which has ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~lived~~ ^{lived} in from the cold blasts of winter the frothy beasts of the forest and the venomous serpent creeps from his den while the birds of the air which at the approach of winter sought the warm regions of the south now return in flocks to the mild temperature of more northern climates. the warm and cheering rays of the sun inspire man with fresh vigor and he hails with rapture the season that is a prelude to crowning harvest and bountiful autumn

Spring makes its entry this year on a most delightful day. the past month has been cold and unpleasant. the change makes it more agreeable surely a spring of three months is more desirable than ~~than~~ a perpetual spring those

who inhabit climates where spring bloom
continually cannot conceive the pleasing
sensation that agitates the bosom of man
at the happy change of seasons which
he is subject to in northern climates
with joy almost amounting to enthusiasm
he beholds the approach of spring
winter after being some time secluded to
his home by reason of the chilling blasts
of winter he now wathes forth to enjoy
the beauties of nature and fancy while
he gazes he con beheld the leaves of the
trees expand and the blades of grass shoot
forth from the earth the face of nature
is animated and gay and many even those
in affliction for a while forget the
troubles of life and rejoices in this happy
change summer succeeds spring from
which the change is hardly perceptible
then follows autumn which crowns the
labours of man with success the faint
fill the air with a delightful odour and
man reaps abundantly the reward of his
labours this is a pleasing and melancholy
season now we behold the trees stripped
of their foliage and the earth robbed of its
 verdure then comes winter and in this
season we enjoy the fruits which are
stored in Autumn thus we have a
happy variety of seasons each in them turn
and give a zest to every enjoyment which
each season affords us

March the 3^d Received a letter from
Brode Henry Burhans and sister Marge
the 4th wrote two letters one to my
brother in St Louis and my sister
in New York

April 1st. Delightful weather
Sunday the 8th visited a family
by the name of Wilson had a child
while riding there was very much
pleased with the family it seemed
like being with old friends hope to
form a more intimate acquaintance
they are persons whose friendships
should value such as I almost
despaired of finding in this part
of the country —

Manday 16th Now vegetation begin
to start and the trees put forth their
buds soon all ^{will} be arrayed in the
liveliest green. Well may this pleasing
season be compared to the spring
time of life, to youth. as the buds will
expand into leaves and then blossoms
in those who are just emerging from
childhood who are just entering upon
the stage of life to become a true actor
in its scenes their virtues just in the
buds the fond eye of doting parents
watches with parental solicitude
over them inexperienced children
let some poison imbibed by mixing
with a vicious world with blasts
~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} opening buds of
virtue and thus what they have for
years laboured to implant in the
minds of their children should by
one franticious blast be destroyed
for at that tender age virtue is easi-
er rooted up by vice - but happy are
those whose minds are invulnerable
on whom vice can make no impres-
sion however ~~of~~ ^{of} having a manner of
mind ^{that} ~~cautious~~ ^{cautious} attention who will

not listen to her own voice his
youthful days are as bright as those
of spring his young virtues ~~remain~~ and
and ripe and when full matured
no withering drought shall blight
them though the maturer age the
peculiar affliction and adversity press upon
them the resort not to the intoxicating
bowl to drown recollection of more
happy days and the misfortunes of
the present. No; conscious integrity
and virtues has supported it will
continue to support them with a
firm reliance on the author of
them being they look forward to
the close of life with composure and
tranquillity, and when it shall
come they ~~leave~~ by this comfortable
reflection that they lay down a life
unstained with the vices of this
world however unfortunate they
might have been in their worldly
circumstances. Not so with those
who forget the many admonitions
mothers anxiety and a fathers care
have elicited from their affectionate
hearts with those who do not go
forth from the parental roof with
a panoply of virtue which vice
cannot overthrow the tender virtues
which fond parents hoped to see
matured by riper age are withered
by corroding vices as the droughts of
summer wither and dry up fresh
plants which had looked so promising
in the spring. The morning of their
lives were bright and promising they

the sun & the stars & the moon
shone & the stars were in common
at Geneva in evening and continue
until 1 o'clock in the morning;
the heavens seemed like a sea
of fire & an continual glare in
lightning it thundered almost
incessantly in long booms &
heat waves of yellow heads and
before that had died away in the
south another would succeed which
equalled them to ears & the eyes
asunder, what an awful scene it
was & the mind surging over that
solemn scene and who can with
it without being forcibly struck
with the power and majesty of God
none but those who are far off
in anguish and whose minds
the thoughts of God never enter
it can never it cannot for
all that notwithstanding you will
not be able to see of such
sublime and awful scene
but to perceive in that & in
the things in this life the hand
of God in his works & when you
see this & your father & mother
in the sky and why should I
say he can enjoy so sublime a sight
without an emotion of fear it is natural
man and animals to be filled with
increasing rapture joy and admiration
of the works whom they were like
Persons in whose company we

extenuated that a ^{Divine} ^{not} ^{only} ^{but} ^{eternal}
I should condescend to help so abundant
such frail beings as man is. —
" & that I was such an one th
at my stay with that man for
that I loved him so I say —
" & how often have I worn no
longer a night — the calls of God but
of my resolutions were soon per-
suaded by the remonstrances —
In the same as not at a sufficient
warning to me to beware of the
gins and snares in which the hope and
salvation of so many is involved
On that day I worked off my best
service in saving the soul of a man
would have my best talents given to
the devil & his loss to me &
make me an heretic & pervert an
unconverted & infidel
unbelief —

Aug. 1st sent
a letter to Uncle Otis — 22nd
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hoped for much betteras they had done
listened to the siren song of vice and
had tasted her unhallowed pleasure
realizing soon^{to} break off the wicked
practices until they found them
bound by a chain of habit to strong
to be burst asunder and thus they
yield themselves up an ^{easy} prey to
those who ~~yield~~ are hardened in sin

~~they who yield~~ are hardened in sin
yield unto the grave cover'd with
infamy and despair

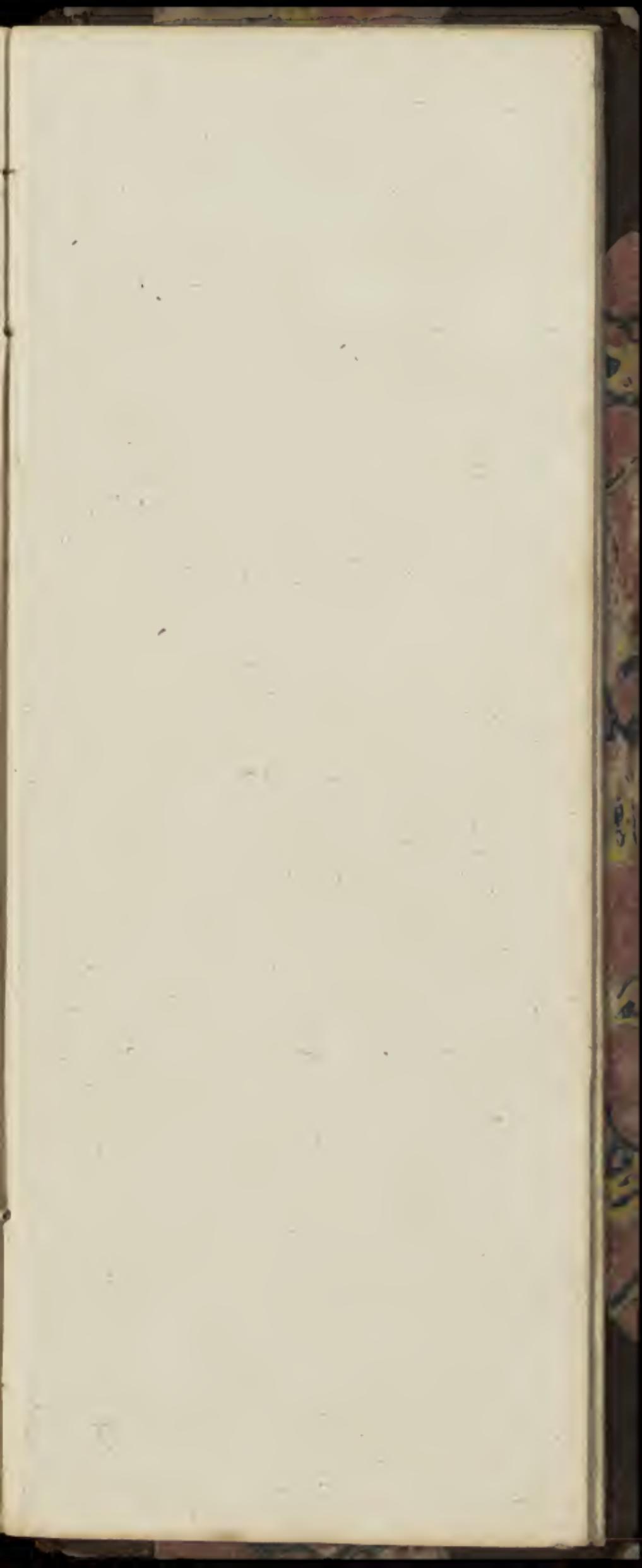
On the 20th of October of 1863
war ne approached our borders. The
shriek war whoop I heard in the
agonizing cry of women and children
agonizing in our ears. What know
what agony of soul must those
tender mothers have felt when they
saw the uplifted tomahawk fall
upon the heads of their innocent
children expecting every moment
to be the next victim. No wonder
they say for money we ran and
they beached us in most unfeeling
and unfeeling manner for the
lives bled off as they went to
savages whose hearts were hard
whose minds were prejudiced and
whose ruling passions were
vengeance.

Savages — we cannot in our
hearts excise charity for the
degraded race of human beings
they are contemptible and
despised by all the world. The
not the idea of the bare idea
of a savagery and we insult them
by giving them the name of
a fallen creation — but at
the same time the best of
men are to be found among them
and the most degraded among us.

John L. B. suggested
we wanted to do
it and we worked and
interred neighbors every day

the language of the gospel and
of the soul and religious
truth. It is our duty to wait
on an almost-everlasting to
evolve and plan on an edu-
cation without alloy in
body & mind. The nature of
the instruction with the people
of America gives them a strong
bias in our country. we have
taken possession of the country
and it is depopulated and
desolate. the Indians
they had an undesirable right
and in most instances they have
done it dishonestly with
becoming either or no right for
the country. but as yet we are
not in a right exception as
the word Indian is now. The
war was against us or with
many of these tribes have been
extinct and those that remain
are miserable degraded wretches
if done justice a thought were
made by government to civilize
them and bring them under the
protection and laws of the
state at night some
of them are bloodshed and
killed and heavily to

the country trifles that is on
the western and lower slopes of the
hills, attracting miners, who
soon became assimilated with
others and in a few generations
the life of miners would be
forgotten —



More than 3 years have elapsed
since my beloved son returned
to us you yet have often seen
my son & I am with you much.
I have had all sorts of
troubles & trials of late
but I have had so little
trouble my soul seemed to be
entertained with his that no
arrow shot from death
would pierce my stomach at the sight
of both, for whose safety
I have ever been in fear, but
~~now~~ ^{now} the remains of my
beloved being so old now it would
seem to my sight that he is a ghost
as I am letter with the
Letter you has the greatest
between us shall I never again
live so long around you as
and in a day or two I will
face a big prompt to leave
affection can never be more
strong than now only a few days
ago

I had over my infamy and my
silence of almost the original and
a counsellor is taken for every
right. The world
and I are not now friend
nor am I a friend to any
man, with freedom come
and then there for a while
is no better but I do not care
not for you want to be your
son to be your son. I have

has been his son mentioned
as he died in the world
and his body was buried in a wo-
man's grave. God that
resteth the just of both body
and soul my dear son
on the last

But my father I cannot forget
With keen in and do my heart
and I in time of childhood when
as off as innocent Poldon thy
true and never to wear embrace
then when the world no care to
the my dear father was the sum of
my woes. but also him sadly
had the world changed. for a man
as great as my dearest father.

which we were told we were
to have this summer fitted to our
expectation of being — I had
a miserable one of consolation in
this, a feeling that it adds anguish
and hate at man, he administered to
me again — None but an atheist
can feel an infidel was brought
home and determine my begetting
I can get in any circumstance
an atheist fruits are many
but we hardly ever when the fruits
are of an affectionate nature, and
caused by an affectionate stroke of
the sky who wrote the sun
for you by many and related
influence a tender feather bent
he and he was a friend of a
boy it was of him a want of
the beauty of an infidelity
at a time when we are fast separated
from each other when we are
we are not an affectionate nature
who is interested in my welfare
of this he is not affected with
fathers and sons of brotherly love
it has not been done but
that is such a bitter then we have
our own to be sorrow — I am not
sorrow but such a bitter at all there
was always a carnal but no affliction
well.

How are many tender
feelings often banished by
fear of the idea of home
or upon the right although
indeed we enjoyed the steps
of our ladder the parental
one since which yet the
feeling is vivid and always
like a sort of remembrance
of little scenes of my
childhood it every scene will
remain to the latest hour
of my life fresh in my
memory — Ah who can
know wherein in the happiness
of youth the anticipations of
the future he would wish to
have the union to his joy in
the spring time of life
and a knowledge of the
time he left — but not
concerning future happiness
knowledge of that would be
in vain to make any man
to know the future would
take from man his greatest
pleasure hope is man's only hope
it is his greatest blessing

23 miles to the west, to Woods
a new road some part of the way over
and was not certain we had
one way as well as we could think the
forest, we got off road as far as we
could & got to a house with the
man - one of us in the water
and all the houses just before
Lark & in the house the next
named & Polyne where our bed
of a bed & the water to
the floor. They said that it will be
here for 3 days it is a small
hill surrounded by large flat
of 2 or 3 miles still
only bad for 2 or 3 days not the rest.
Knew why we come - to the place
and we are not to be
more than to walk a mile
to the river & the water goes
so bad & about such roads we
have travel about and about
in state ever forgotten

the roads, it is now the 3rd
of the month & we have not
had time to walk out to
the valley or the river
and travel about
in state ever forgotten
of a few miles & we have not
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